



# An Integrated Process for Utilization of Pomegranate Peels



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# Pomegranate Structure



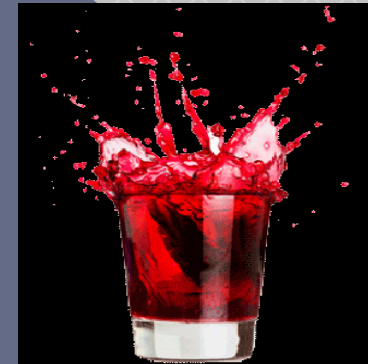
24% Peel



14% Seeds



62% Juice



# Composition of Pomegranate Peel Powder

Component	Content (% dry matter)
Total solid	96.00
Moisture	4.00
Total sugar	31.38
Protein	8.72
Crude Fiber	21.06
Fat	9.40
Ash	5.00
Total phenolic	8.10

*Aguilar et al., 2008; Ullah et al., 2012*

# Polyphenol Content of Pomegranate Peel Powder

Phenolic Fraction	Content (mg/100g dry matter)
Ellagic acid	44.19
Catechins	868.40
Gallic acid	125.80
Protocatechol	4.17
Parahydroxy benzoic acid	9.02
Vanilline	3.91
Caffeic acid	60.46
Ferulic acid	5.89
P-coumaric acid	17.64
Others	8.20

# Pomegranate: Biological Activities

Antioxidant activity

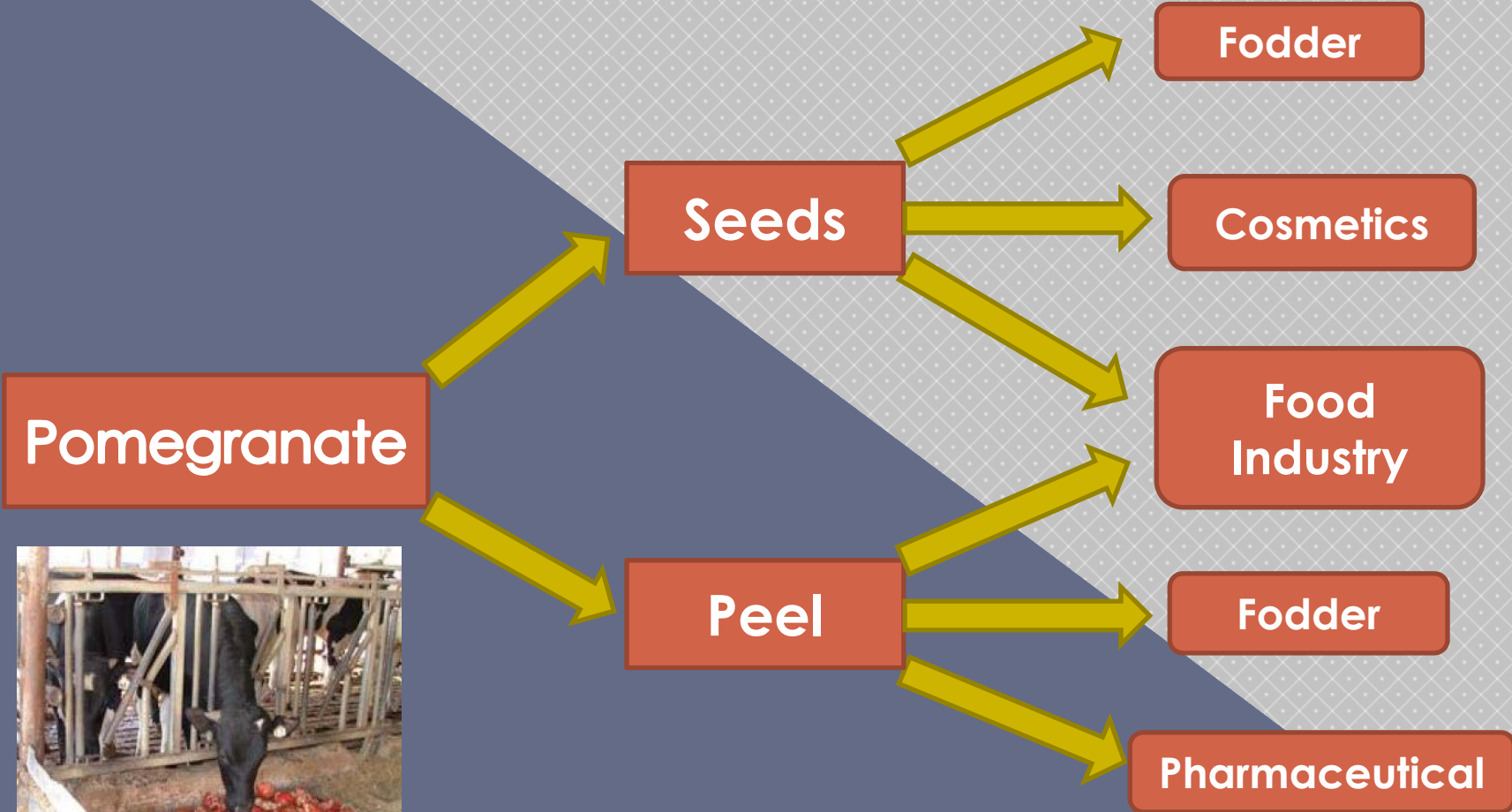
Anticancer properties

Reduce risk of coronary  
heart disease

Antimicrobial activity

Antifungal activity

# Exploitation of Pomegranate By-products



# Project Objective

**The exploitation of pomegranate peel based on:**

1. *Ultrasound – assisted extraction*
2. *Encapsulation by spray drying*

❖ **Optimization:**

1. *Ultrasound – assisted extraction of phenolic compounds*
2. *Encapsulation by spray drying of phenolic compounds*

❖ **Incorporation of encapsulated phenolic compounds in foods**

(hazelnut paste) aiming to delay the oxidation

# Techniques of Extraction Phenolic Compounds From Pomegranate Peel

Technique of extraction	Time (min)	Yield (g GAE/100 g dry matter)	Reference
Normal Stirring	60	8.26 – 11.9	Wang et al., 2011; Pan et al., 2011
Pressurized liquid	15	25.8 – 26.4	Cam & Hisil, 2010
<u>Ultrasound-assisted</u>			Pan et al., 2011
(Continuous)	6	14.8	
(Pulsed)	8	14.5	
Microwave-assisted	1	21.5	Zheng et al., 2011



# Why Encapsulation of Phenolic Compounds

Increase their stability during storage and their passage through the gastrointestinal tract

The improvement of color

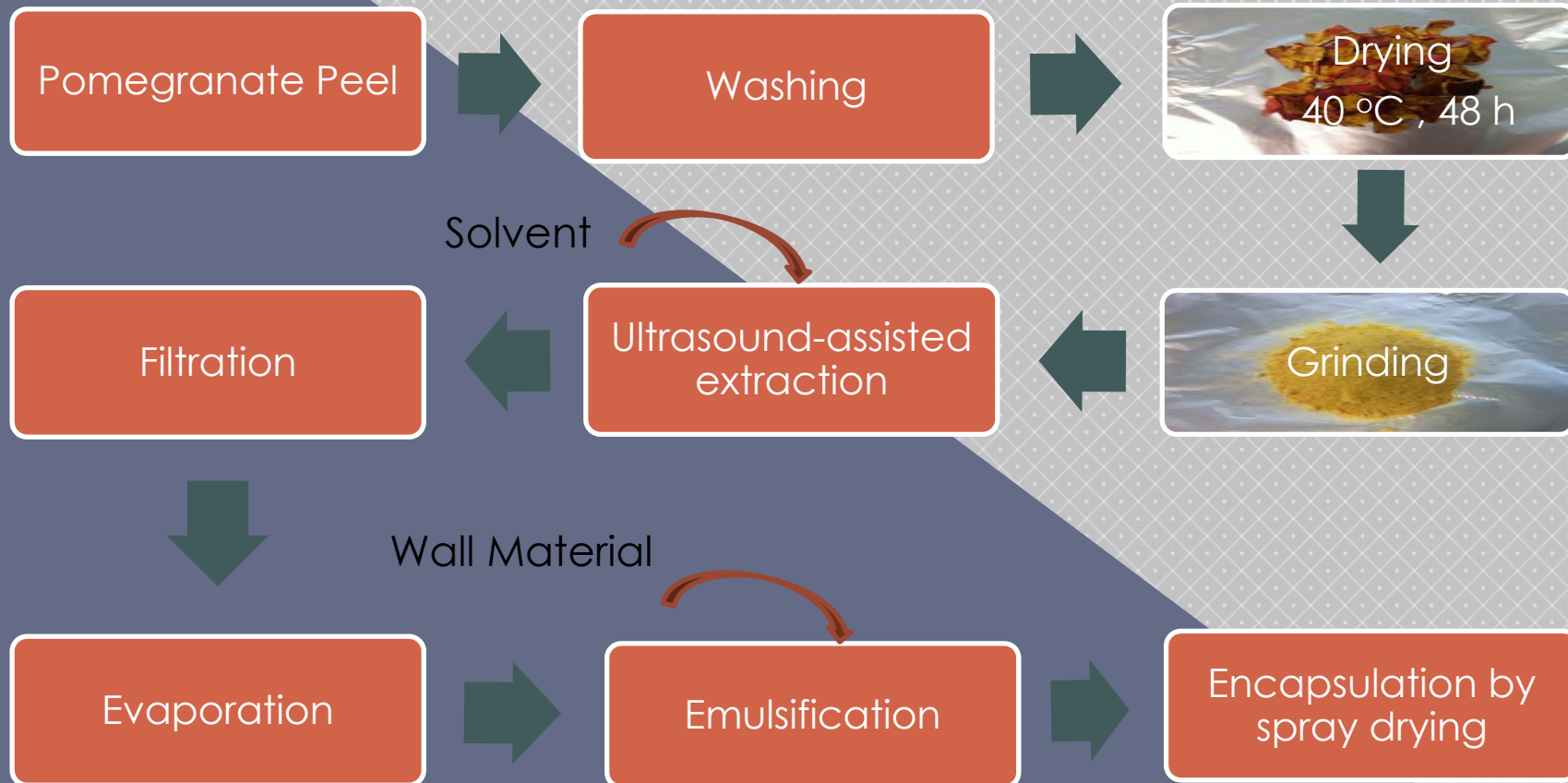
The masking of astringency

Suitability for use as an additive in functional foods



# **Materials and Methods**

# Integrated Process for Pomegranate Peel Application in Food Industries



# Factors Affecting the Ultrasound-Assisted Extraction Process

1. Extraction temperature
2. Solvent type
3. Solvent/Solid ratio
4. Amplitude level
5. Pulse duration/Pulse interval ratio
6. Extraction time



130 W, 20 kHz VCX-130 Sonics and Materials (Danbury, CT, USA)  $\mu\epsilon$  Ti-Al-V probe (13 mm)

# Experimental Design for Optimization of Ultrasound-Assisted Extraction of Phenolic Compounds from Pomegranate Peel

❖ Response surface methodology (32 experiments)

Parameters	Levels				
	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Solvent type</i>	Ethanol	Methanol	Water	50% Aqueous methanol	Ethyl-acetate
<i>Extraction temperature (T, °C)</i>	25	30	35	40	45
<i>Solvent/Peel ratio (LP)</i>	10/1	20/1	30/1	40/1	50/1
<i>Amplitude level (A, %)</i>	20	30	40	50	60
<i>Pulse duration/pulse interval ratio (on/off) (PUL, -)</i>	5/15	3/4	7/6	19/12	2/1

# Factors Affecting the Spray Drying Encapsulation Process

1. *Inlet air temperature*
2. *Feed solids concentration*
3. *Ratio of core to wall material*
4. *Drying air flow rate*
5. *Drying air humidity*



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# Experimental Design for Optimization of Spray Drying Encapsulation of Phenolic Compounds from Pomegranate Peel

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Parameter	Levels				
	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Wall material (Wm)</i>	MD	SMP	MD/SMP	MD/WPI	MD/GA
<i>Ratio of core to wall material (c/w)</i>	1/9	1/5.3	1/3.7	1/2.9	1/2.3
<i>Inlet air temperature (Ti, °C)</i>	150	160	170	180	190
<i>Drying air flow rate (Qa, %)</i>	50	54	58	62	66
<i>Feed solids concentration (S, %)</i>	10	15	20	25	30

MD: Maltodextrin  
 SMP: Skim Milk Powder  
 WPI: Whey Protein Isolate  
 GA: Gum Arabic

# Physical properties of the Microcapsules



**Moisture  
content**

**Bulk  
density**

**Rehydration  
ability**





# Incorporation of phenolic compounds in foods

**PRODUCT:** Hazelnut paste

**AGENT ADDED:** Phenolic extract encapsulated in optimal conditions

**PHENOL CONCENTRATION:** 5000 ppm



**Oxidation rate in 3 samples of hazelnut paste was tested:**

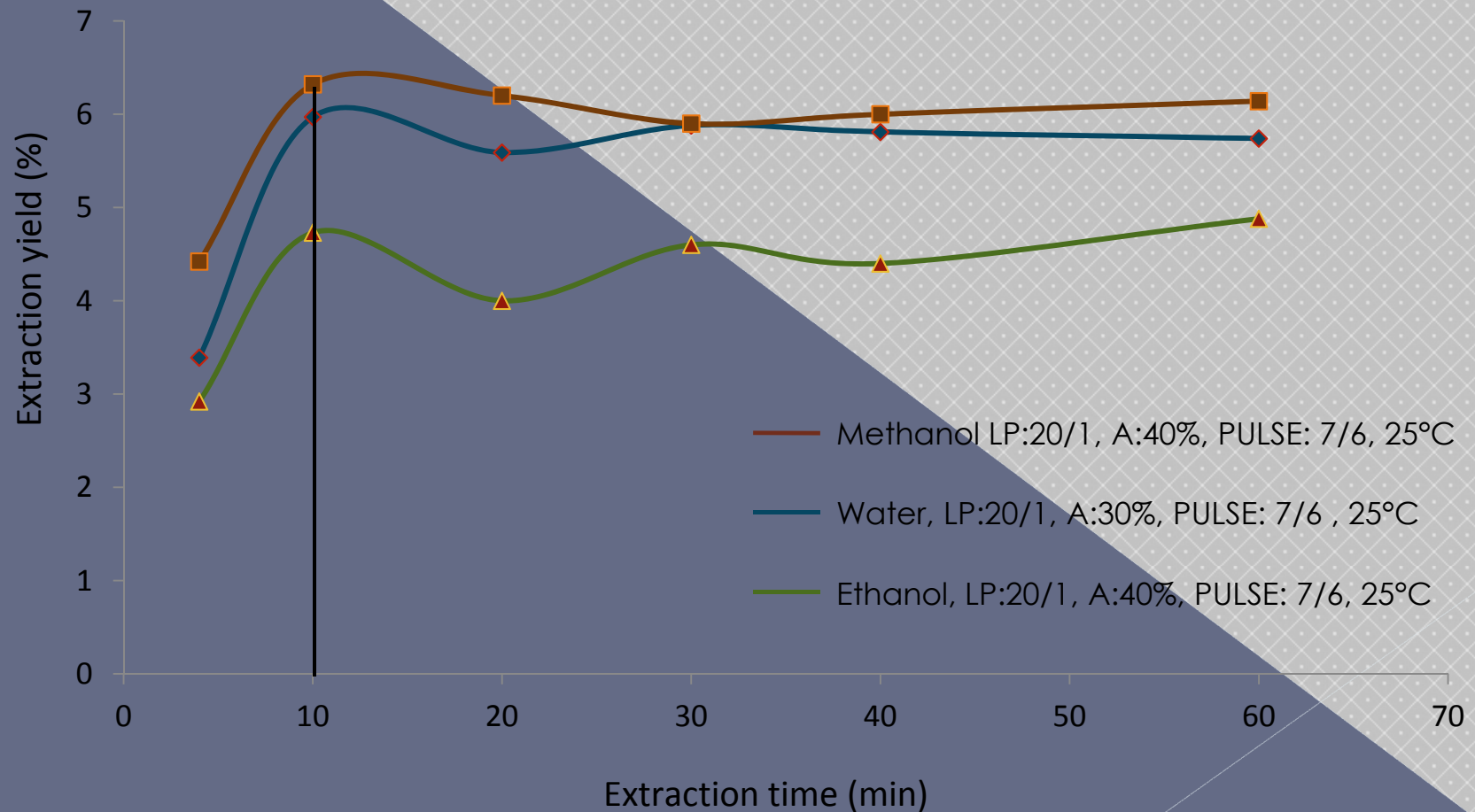
1. Addition of nanoencapsulated extract
2. Addition of crude extract
3. Control sample

An accelerated shelf-life test at 60 °C was carried out until 51 days

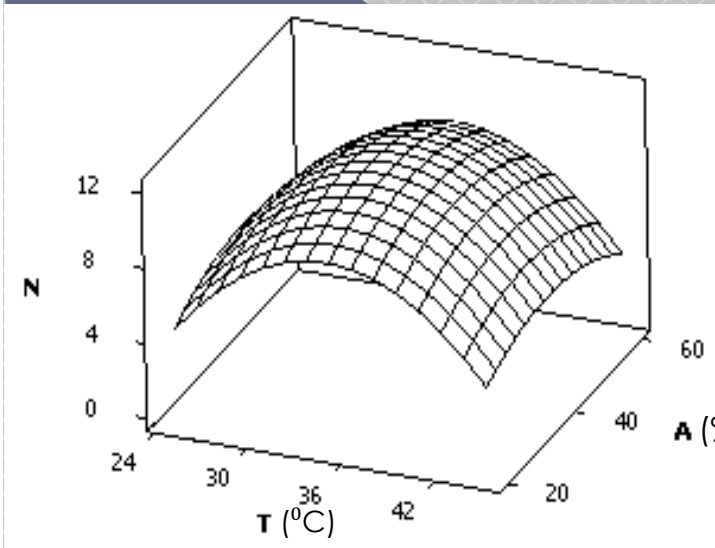


# Results

# Extraction Yield – Effect of Extraction Time



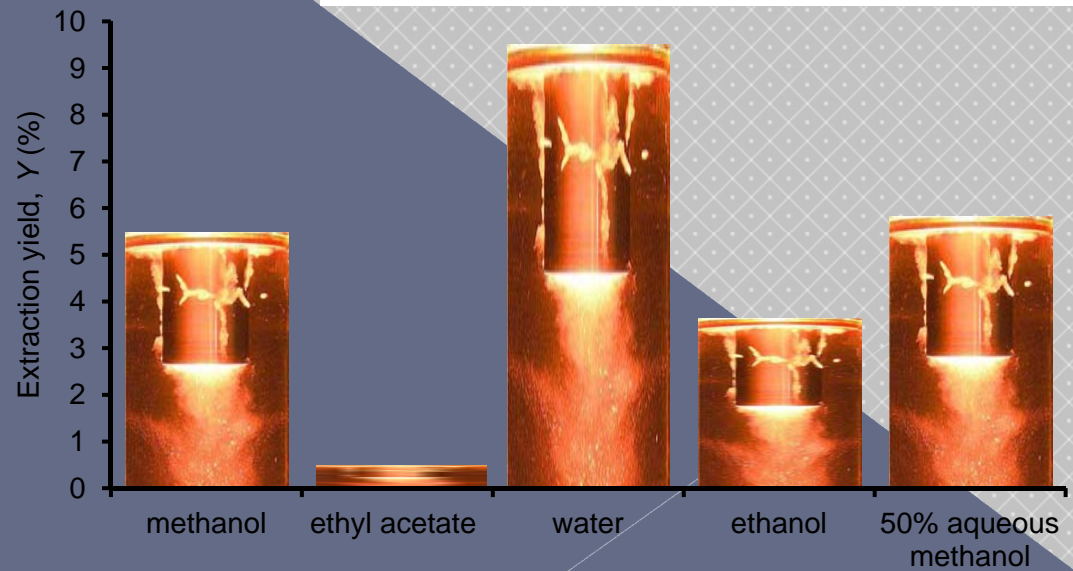
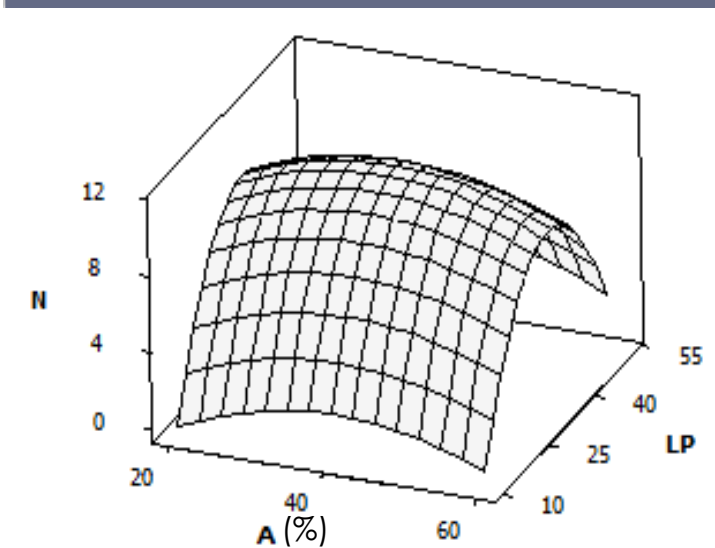
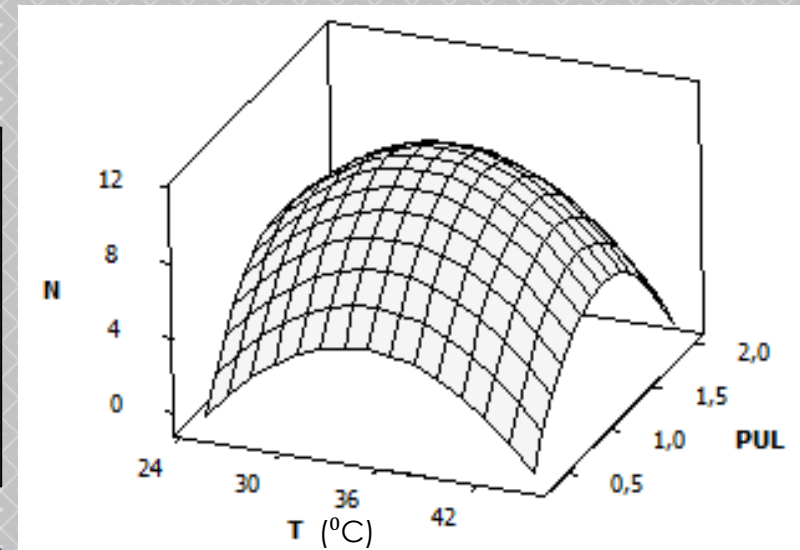
# Extraction Yield - Effects of Various Parameters



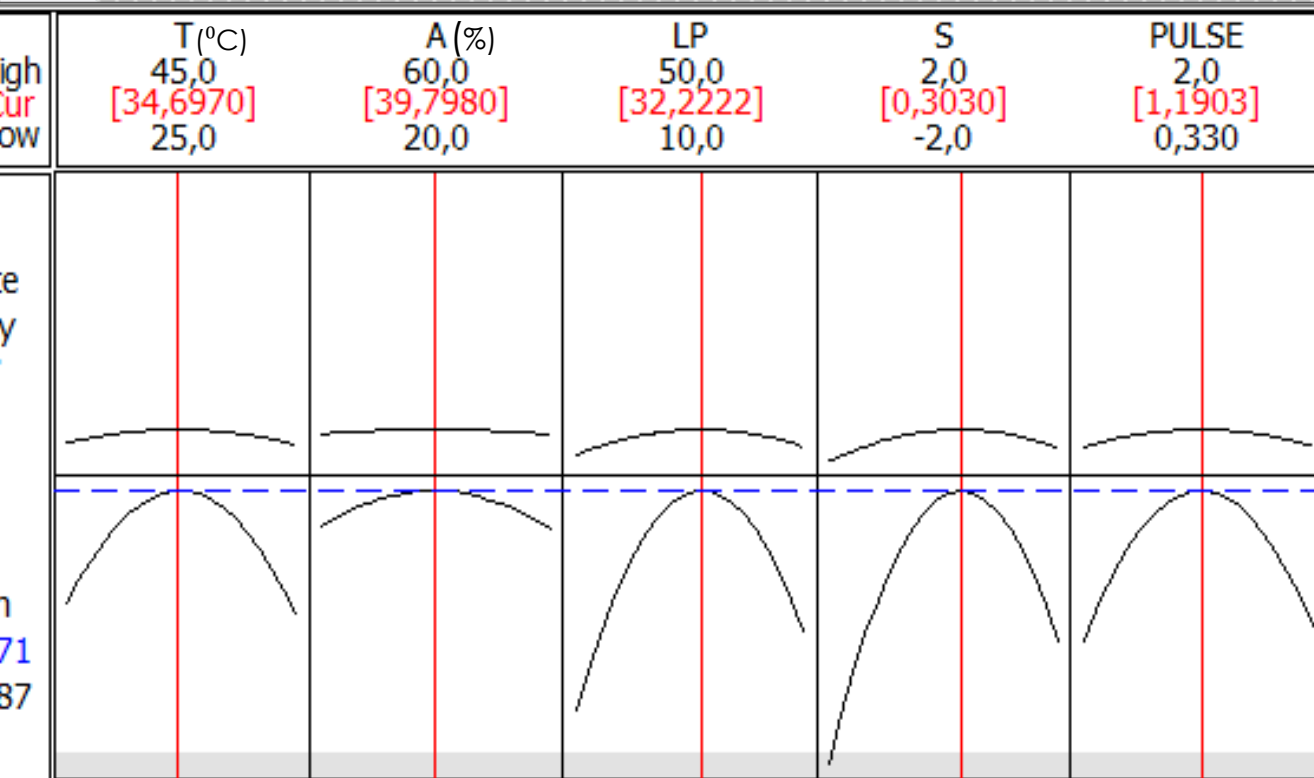
\*N: g GAE/100 g

**N<sub>max</sub>** →

T: 35°C  
 A: 40%  
 PUL: 1.2  
 LP: 35/1  
 S: Water



# Extraction Yield – Optimization

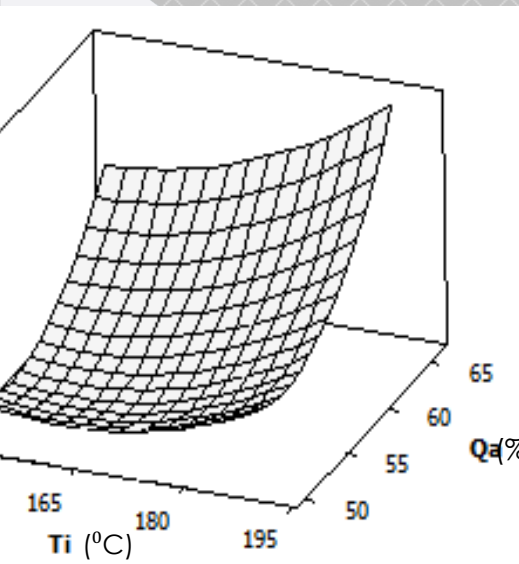


-2: Methanol  
 -1: Ethyl-acetate  
 0: Water  
 1: Ethanol  
 2: 50% Aqueous methanol

**Empirical model of extraction yield:**

$$Y = -88,058 + 3,417 \times T + 1,197 \times LP + 21,161 \times PULSE - 0,048 \times T^2 - 0,018 \times LP^2 - 2,120 \times S^2 - 0,257 \times PULSE^2 + 0,011 \times LP \times S$$

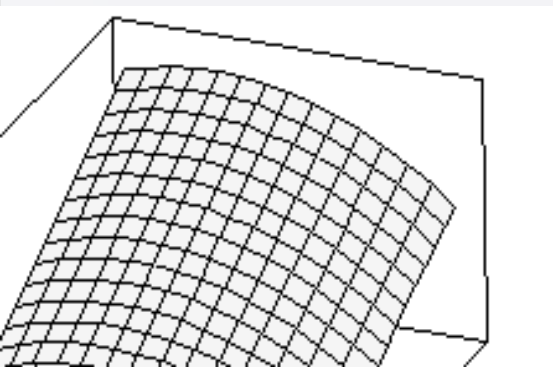
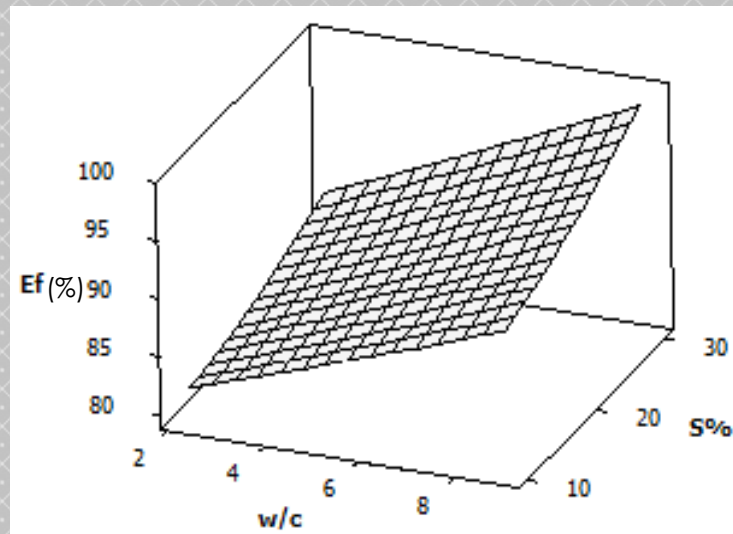
# capsulation Efficiency- Effects of Various Parameters



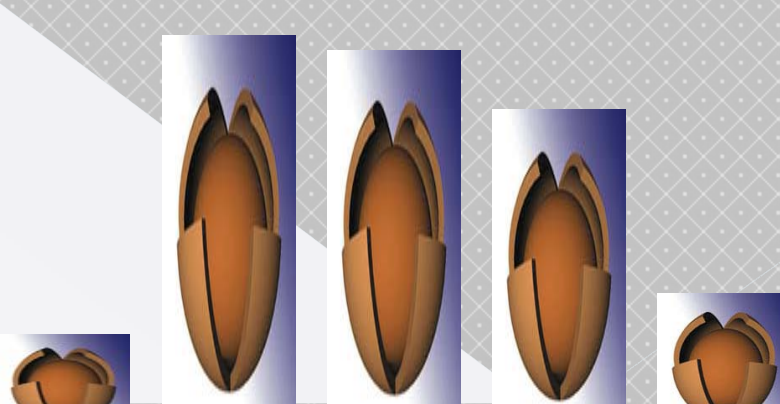
↑ Ef →

- Ti ↑
- Qa ↑
- S ↑
- w/c ↑

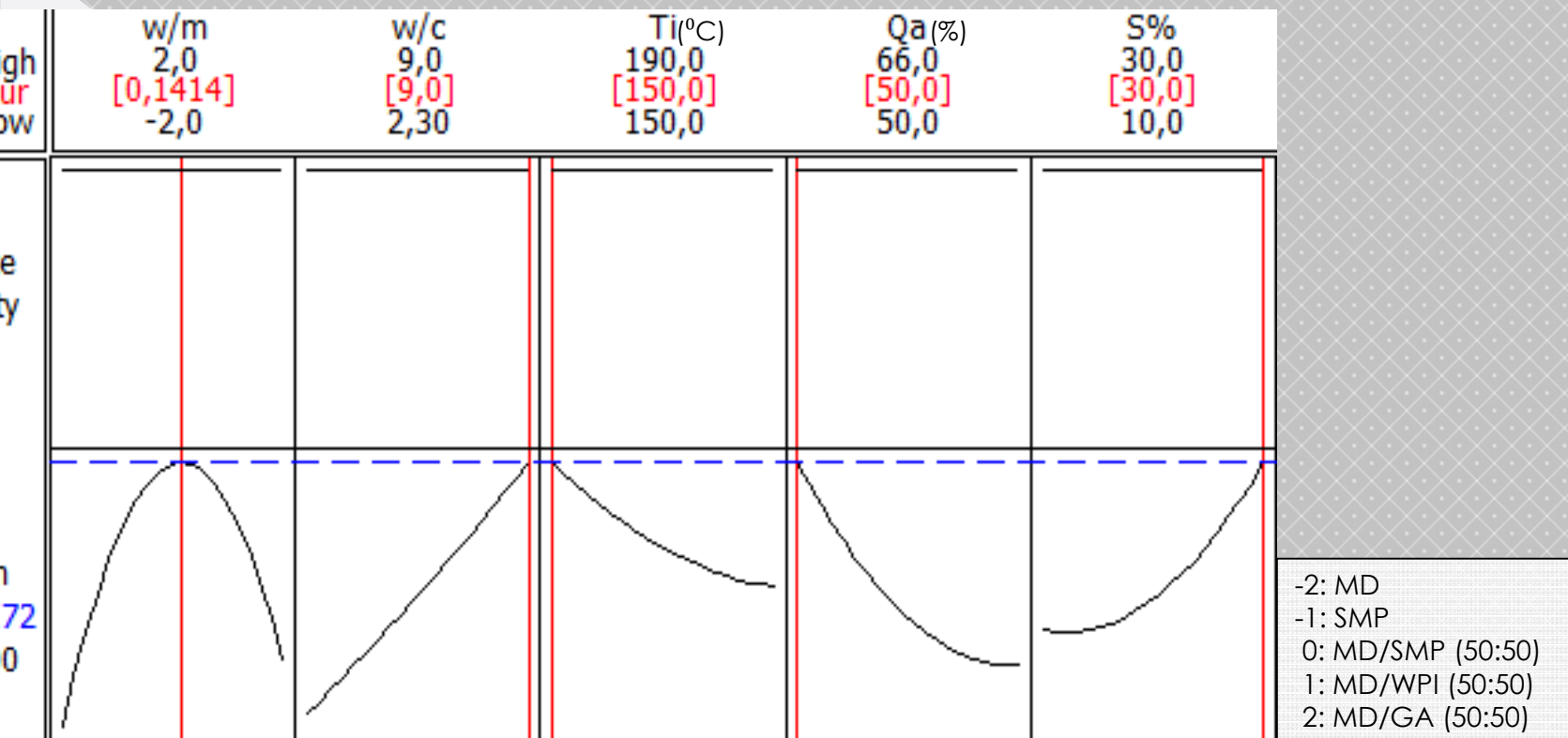
Efmax:  
MD/WPI



capsulation efficiency, EE (%)



# Encapsulation Efficiency – Optimization



**Empirical model of encapsulation efficiency:**

$$E_f = 592.196 - 10.348 \cdot Qa - 0.613 \cdot S - 5.510 \cdot Wm^2 + 0.081 \cdot Qa^2 + 0.050 \cdot S^2 + 0.181 \cdot Wm \cdot S -$$

$$0.017 \cdot (w/c) \cdot Ti - 0.142 \cdot (w/c) \cdot S$$

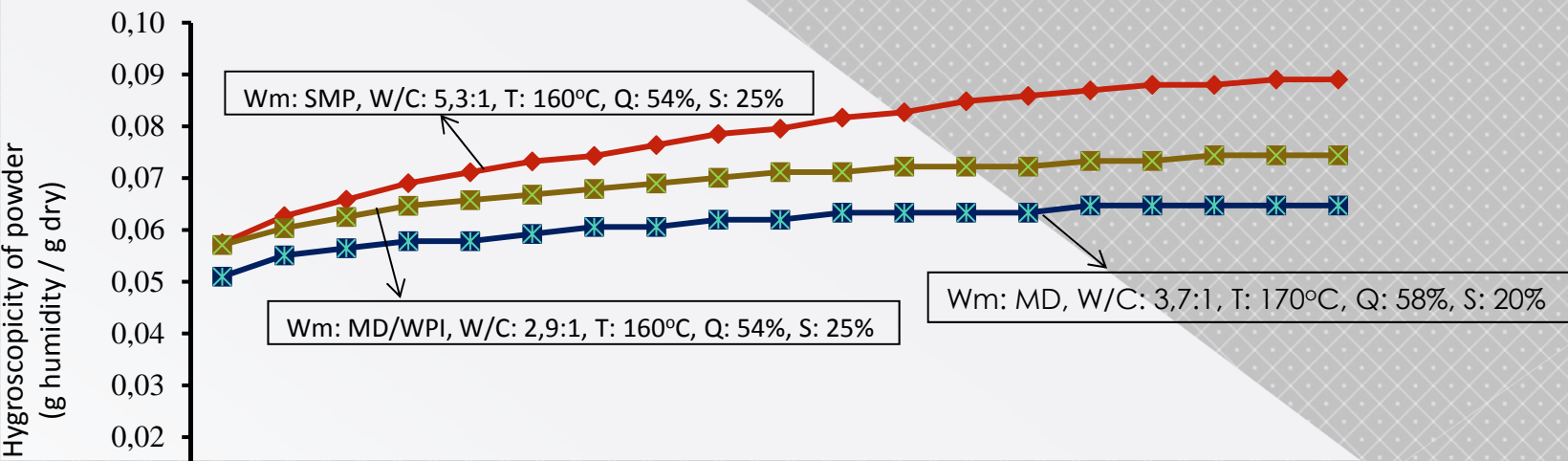
# Physical properties of the Microcapsules

**Powder moisture content:** 3.79 to 6.02%

**Bulk density:** 0.13 to 0.74 g/mL

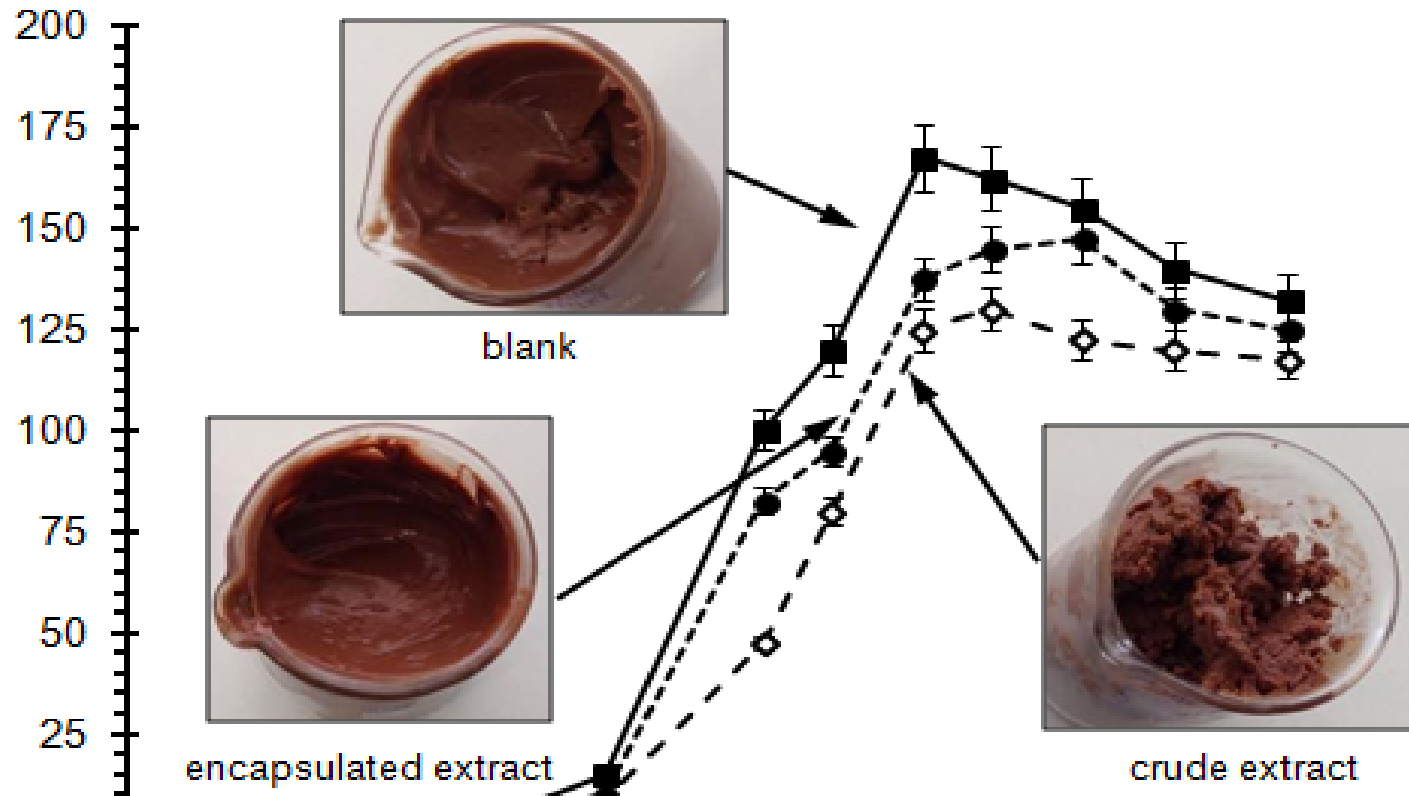
**Rehydration:** 19-48 s

**Hygroscopicity:**





# Effect of Pomegranate Peel Extract (Crude and Encapsulated) on Oxidative Deterioration of Hazelnut Paste



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# Conclusions

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Integrated approach for utilization of pomegranate peels is suggested based on ultrasound-assisted extraction of phenolic compounds followed by its encapsulation using a suitable spray drying technique

Ultrasound increased extraction yield, but mainly shortened the treatment time by 20 times.

Extraction yield increased increasing extraction temperature up to 35°C, amplitude up to 40%, solvent/peels ratio up to 33/1, decreasing pulse duration/pulse interval ratio and using solvent type water.

Highest encapsulation efficiency achieved about 98.64% using cyclodextrin/whey protein isolate as wall material.

Efficiency increased with an increase in inlet air temperature, drying air flow rate, and solids concentration, and wall to core material ratio.



**Thank you**